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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN WOMEN LABOR LEADERS ATTEND CONFERENCE
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1. THE TWO NIGERIAN WOMEN LABOR LEADERS AJAYI AND DANIYAN
ATTENDED IN CHICAGO OVER THE WEEKEND THE ORGANIZING MEETING
OF THE "COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN".

2. MORE THAN 3000 WOMEN WERE IN ATTENDANCE REPRESENTING
58 LABOR UNIONS, OTHER INTERNATIONAL VISITORS FROM CANADA,
GREAT BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WERE PRESENT.
THE MEETING WAS WELL COVERED BY THE MEDIA.

3. OLGA MADAR, A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AUTOMOBILE
WORKERS, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. THE GOAL OF THE ORGANI-
ZATION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WORKING WOMEN BY WOMEN
TRADE UNIONISTS BECOMING MORE ACTIVE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES
WITHIN THEIR OWN UNIONS.

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4. AALC'S REPRESENTATIVE MAIDA SPRINGER-KEMP MET THE TWO

NIGERIAN LADIES AT THE MEETING. THE NIGERIANS PRESENCE
WAS PUBLICLY NOTED ON SATURDAY, BUT WHEN THEY WERE TO BE
FORMALLY INTRODUCED ON SUNDAY THEY WERE ABSENT FROM THE HALL

THE INVITATION TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AROSE OUT OF A
MEETING IN EUROPE WITH SOME AMERICANS, WHO EXTENDED THE
INVITATION. APPARENTLY, THEIR AIR TRAVEL WAS WITHOUT
EXPENSE DUE TO THEIR AIR LINES EMPLOYMENT. THE NIGERIANS
ARE DUE BACK AT WORK IN LAGOS BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 AND
ARE SPENDING ONLY A SHORT TIME IN NEW YORK WITH ONE OF THE
WOMEN'S RELATIVES. THUS, IT WAS NOT PRACTICAL TO MAKE
ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. COMMENT: THE MEETING WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE NIGERIANS TO MEET A GOOD CROSS SECTION OF
AMERICAN TRADE UNION WOMEN. RUSH

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